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 TAGS: ETRD, EAGR RUSSR
 SUBJECT: SOVIET GRAIN CONTRACTS HELD IN ABEYANCE.

1. FOLLOWING STATEMENT ISSUED OCTOBER 4 PM BY TREASURY
 SECRETARY SIMON.
 BEGIN TEXT: AT THE REQUEST OF THE PRESIDENT TWO CONTRACTS
 FOR SALE OF CORN AND WHEAT TO THE SOVIET UNION HAVE BEEN
 HELD IN ABEYANCE. THESE CONTRACTS, REPORTED TODAY BY THE
 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, INVOLVE ROUGHLY 72 MILLION
 BUSHELS OF CORN AND ROUGHLY 34 MILLION BUSHELS OF WHEAT FOR

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SHIPMENT DURING THE 1974-75 MARKETING YEAR. A PORTION OF THESE CONTRACTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE DELIVERED FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

AT THE DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY SIMON HAS CALLED THE COMPANIES INVOLVED IN THE SPECIFIC CONTRACTS, CONTINENTAL GRAIN AND COOK CO., TO REQUEST THAT THEY SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT TOMORROW.

IN ADDITION THE PRESIDENT HAS DIRECTED THAT ALL MAJOR EXPORTING COMPANIES BE INFORMED THAT HE EXPECTS THAT NO LARGE CONTRACTS FOR GRAIN WILL BE SIGNED IN THE FUTURE WITHOUT SPECIFIC PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE WHITE HOUSE.

SECRETARY SIMON WILL BE IN MOSCOW NEXT WEEK AT WHICH TIME HE WILL DISCUSS RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE SOVIET OFFICIALS. END TEXT. KISSINGER
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